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DIFFER ON METHOD,  
BUT UNIT ON NEEDSDelegates Discussing National  
Defense Uncertain as to Na-  
tional Guard System.

GEN. MILES GIVES VIEWS

By the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, March 28.—The National Guard Association's national defense council, which began its sessions yesterday, has developed some wide differences of opinion, but the delegates hope to agree before the convention adjourns tomorrow upon some recommendation for universal military training. Speakers representing the regular army and the militia unite in advocating a universal training system, but while the army officers favor federal control of the national guard system, the militia, in principle, at least, of the present militia system under control of the states.

Represent a "Pillar of the Republic."

"Coming as you do," he said, "from every quarter of our great country, this most wonderful, powerful, mighty republic of ours, you represent not only the stability and character of the states, but you also represent one of the great pillars of our republic; and we cherish our institutions, we cherish our system of government, we prize it more than life itself, for our system of government and our institutions have produced this wonderful civilization that we now enjoy."

He asserted that if this country "throws itself energetically into the war, in the event of a declaration, he believed it would be possible to end the conflict in twelve months, 'if not in six.'"

Gen. Miles said he hoped, if the United States were drawn into the war, "we will not act on the defensive," but will pursue an "effective, strong, offensive campaign." He added that it had been stated there were no trained men in this country. He declared, however, there were at least 1,000,000 Americans, not including those in the militia, who had had military training. In addition, he added, there were nearly 3,000,000 men in America who have had "all the drill and training and discipline and experience that could be given them in the European armies."

United States Senator Blair Lee of Maryland also spoke. His subject was "The National Guard and the Safety of the Republic."

Maj. Gen. Charles M. Clement, in command of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, told the delegates to the convention that in any scheme of compulsory military training, provision should be made to protect the rights of those opposed because of religious convictions to military service "to do the industrial work of the men who do train."

Praises National Guard Personnel.

Addressing himself specifically to the question, "Is the National Guard worth preserving?" Gen. Mann, chief of the War Department's militia bureau, said:

"When one considers that the members of the National Guard have made an organized effort to provide the government with a military force for use in an emergency to back up the small regular army, the question can have but one answer as far as the personnel is concerned. They should have all praise and the militia bureau has gone on record as opposing legislative effort to abolish the National Guard as a system until something better is actually substituted. The general staff, in recently proposing a plan for universal training, has provided a place for all of the National Guard who desire to continue their laudable efforts to serve the nation in building up a dependable military force."

As to the system itself being worth preserving, I will answer by saying that it may be worth while for state purposes, but not for federal.

"The dual control of a federal military force negatives at once its attaining a real efficiency for federal military purposes. Cease for a moment to think about the National Guard and imagine our regular army under a system of dual control, where officers were elected by their men or appointed by state officials."

"Is it not vastly better to unite all under a single federal control and each, according to the measure of his acquired ability, be thus used to better advantage?"

Men Now Military Asset.

"The material benefits of the mobilization and the training are beyond valuation. The National Guard, which has been to the border, has received more actual benefit that could have been gotten in many years of training under the National Guard conditions, and those men are today a regular military asset as a reserve to the regular army than was furnished by the entire war with Spain."

"All honor to the men and officers of the National Guard," said Gen. Mann in conclusion, "let us get together and do some of that team work we so often talk about, and whether the system changes or not, do all that we are able to develop the military strength of the nation, so that we may preserve our republic free to work out its salvation without the interference or domination of other and hostile governments."

Guardsmen Defended.

Gov. Charles S. Whitman defended the New York state National Guard against criticism of the way it responded for Mexican service, asserted that the country's military system was inadequate and urged federalization of the National Guard.

Opinion that if war comes no men would follow the flag more loyally and devoutly than national guardsmen, was expressed by Brig. Gen. Thomas J. Stewart of the Pennsylvania National Guard.

I. C. C. DELIBERATES ON  
ADVANCED RATE PLEASConsidering Question of Granting  
Increases of 15 to 21 Per Cent  
Asked by Railroads.

Preliminary proposals of virtually all railroads of the country for flat freight rate increases ranging between 15 and 21 per cent, were weighed today by the Interstate Commerce commission, together with a multitude of protests against higher rates telegraphed by shippers, commercial organizations and allied interests.

The first question to be decided by the commission is whether it shall modify its rules under which proposed tariff increases might be suspended for many months pending investigation. Southern and southwestern lines yesterday joined the eastern and western railroads in asking such a modification, and probably within the next few days roads in all sections will file formal applications for flat rate increases.

Eastern lines announced they would ask for 15 per cent increases. Western roads indicated their request would be for 15 per cent also. Five southwestern lines submitted figures showing their higher operating expenses demanded rate increases ranging between 18 and 21 per cent. Southern roads will decide on their figure Friday.

Another move planned by the railroads is to seek higher intrastate freight rates later from every state utility or railroad commission in the country. Passenger rates would not be changed under the present act.

ARMY ORDERS.

Col. Thomas Q. Donaldson, inspector general, is assigned to duty as inspector of the Eastern Department.

Capt. William S. Sinclair, infantry, is detailed to duty with the National Guard in Texas as inspector-instructor. Leave of absence for four months on surgeon's certificate of disability is granted First Lieut. Percy Deshon, field artillery.

Leave of absence for one month is granted Maj. Edwin Bell, 7th Infantry. Veterinarian Robert Vans Agnew, 5th Cavalry, is relieved from duty at the Army Service Schools, Fort Leavenworth, Kans., and will join his regiment.

Capt. George E. Thorne, Quartermaster Corps, will proceed to the General Hospital, the Presidio of San Francisco, Cal., for observation and treatment.

Leave of absence for one month is granted Maj. Otto B. Rosenbaum, 2d Infantry.

First Lieut. Frederick Hanna, Coast Artillery Corps, is relieved from his present duties and will proceed to the Military Academy for duty.

First Lieut. Hugh H. Voorhies, Dental Corps, having been examined for promotion by a board of officers and found physically disqualified by reason of disability incident to the service, his retirement by the President from active service as a captain is announced.

Leave of absence for one month is granted Capt. Philip Remington, infantry.

First Lieut. Arthur J. Coyle, Aviation Section, Signal Officers' Reserve Corps, will report at the Signal Corps Aviation School, Mineola, Long Island, N. Y., for duty.

Master Signal Electrician Herman H. Walker, Signal Corps, is placed upon the retired list at San Diego, Cal., and will report to his home.

Serjts. Esten R. Koger and Alfred W. Lawson of the Signal Enlisted Reserve Corps, at Fort Monroe, Va., are assigned to duty at the Curtiss Aviation School, Newport News, Va.

Serjts. Russell McDonald, John I. Moore, Henry T. Myers and Lindsey H. De Garmo of the Signal Enlisted Reserve Corps, at Key West barracks, Fla., are assigned to duty at the Curtiss Aviation School, Miami, Fla.

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